

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A folded disposable diaper, comprising:
 - a diaper main body having a front abdomen portion, a back portion, and a crotch portion interconnecting the front abdomen portion and the back portion;
 - said crotch portion having opposing side edges formed as leg hole sections which are between the abdomen portion and the back portion, said crotch portion extending widthwise between said leg hole sections;
 - the front abdomen portion having opposing abdomen side edges and the back portion having opposing back side edges, said abdomen side edges being respectively joined to corresponding ones of the back side edges to define a waist opening;
 - said diaper main body being provided with an absorbent main body at the crotch portion;
 - waist elastic members attached in an expanded state in a diaper width direction to parts of the front abdomen portion and to parts of the back portion extending along the waist opening;
 - a leg-hole elastic member attached in an expanded state along each of the leg holes sections;

the diaper main body having ~~indicia~~ a character indicating a size of the diaper main body and/or indicating a side of the front or back side of the diaper main body ~~abdomin portion or the back portion~~;

said diaper main body being folded over at a fold so as to define a first diaper body portion on one side of the fold and a second diaper body portion on another side of the fold, said first and second diaper body portions being overlaid flat on each other, said fold defining a fold edge face between said first and second diaper body portions, said fold edge face being exposed and facing outward in a direction substantially parallel to first and second planes of said first and second diaper body portions, ~~at least a portion of said indicia~~ said character being disposed on said fold edge face and extended to both the first diaper body portion and the second diaper body portion, ~~said at least a portion of said indicia~~ character on said fold edge face being viewable when two or more like folded diaper main bodies are stacked on one another with all said first and second planes of said like folded diaper main bodies parallel each other;

~~said indicia also being disposed on, and extended to, both the first diaper body portion and the second diaper portion; and~~

said fold extending widthwise across the crotch portion.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The folded disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said leg-hole elastic members are disposed so as not to extend into an area in which said ~~indicia~~ character is provided.

7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) The folded disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein the ~~indicia~~ character is printed on the diaper main body by means of an ink-jet system.

11. (Currently amended) An assemblage of ~~diapers wherein said diapers are a plurality~~ of said folded disposable diaper ~~[[of]]~~ according to claim 1, wherein said diapers ~~[[being]]~~ are stacked on one another in a stack with all said first and second planes of said diapers parallel to each other, and said ~~indicia~~ being viewable from a side of said stack.

12. (Currently amended) The folded disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein said leg-hole elastic member of each of said leg hole sections includes two discontinuous sections with a break area therebetween such that said ~~indicia~~ character is disposed at least in part in said break area and is absent ~~presence of~~ in an area in which said leg-hole elastic member ~~said information~~ is provided.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (New) The folded disposable diaper according to claim 1, wherein:
the absorbent main body is formed by sandwiching an absorbent core wrapped with a coating sheet between a top sheet and a back sheet;
the diaper main body includes an inner sheet and an outer sheet;
the back sheet of the absorbent main body is bonded to the inner sheet of the diaper main body at the crotch portion; and
the character is disposed on the outer sheet.